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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 4215

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SUBJ: VISIT OF LEBANESE PUBLIC WORKS OFFICIAL TO LOS ANGELES
AND SAN FRANCISCO AIRPORTS

1. MR. MITRI NAMMAR, DIRECTOR GENERAL URBAN AFFAIRS (TOWN
PLANNING) IN LEBANESE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS, HAS JUST
INFORMED US HE PLANS OFFICIAL VISIT TO US, ARRIVING ON/OR ABOUT
SEPT 20, TO EXAMINE TECHNICAL OPERATIONS AND PHYSICAL FACILITIES
AT LOS ANGELES AND SAN FRANCISCO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS. HE
REQUESTS DEPT'S ASSISTANCE IN NOTIFYING APPROPRIATE AIRPORT

AUTHORITIES OF HIS VISIT IN ORDER FACILITATE TOURS OF BOTH INSTAL-
LATIONS AND MEETINGS WITH AIRPORT OFFICIALS. NAMMAR PLANS

DEPART BEIRUT SEPT 17 OR 18. HE SPEAKS ENGLISH FAIRLY WELL.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: IN LIGHT OF KNOWN GOL INTEREST IN
EXPANDING BEIRUT AIRPORT FACILITIES, EMBASSY BELIEVES IT IN US
COMMERCIAL INTEREST TO BE AS FORTHCOMING AS POSSIBLE RE NAMMAR'S
REQUEST. WOULD THEREFORE APPRECIATE ANYTHING DEPT CAN DO, DESPITE
REGRETTABLE LATENESS OF THIS NOTIFICATION, TO PAVE WAY FOR HIS VISIT.
WOULD BE PARTICULARLY GRATEFUL FOR NAMES OF AIRPORT OFFICIALS WHOM
NAMMAR MIGHT CONTACT ON ARRIVAL. IN THIS CONNECTION, AND IN
INTEREST OF EXPEDITING MATTER, SUGGEST DEPT CONTACT MR. CHARLES
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CAREY, FAA ASST. ADMINISTRATOR (INTL), WHO MAY BE IN POSITION
TO ASSIST IN ARRANGING MEETINGS. ETC. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST.
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